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IAL CORRESPONDENCE OF THE HERALD.

Siege of Vera Cruz.—The People Inside
determined to Rise and Enforce a Surrender—
Maximilian's Army Encompassed and Be-
sieged at Queretaro.—General Diaz Com-
menced the Siege of Puebla.

Havana, March 27, 1867.
Don Luis Robles y Pezuela, accompanied by a few
of Maximilian's ex-Ministers, having determined
to go to Europe, and to be nearer to the Mexican
Exile, took passage for New Orleans in the steamer
Venezuela, which sailed on Sunday morning.

The information obtained from the different passengers
on board of the Spanish steamer Antonio Lopez, from
Veracruz on the 19th inst., is of interest, the more so
as newspapers were received by mail and very
few letters. The substance is as follows:—

"The republican General Benavides was closely menacing
the city of Vera Cruz; the inhabitants were determined
to resist to the death, and the two bodies of Escobedo,
the Chief of Police, the Imperial military police, and the
Bureau, the imperial political prefect were deter-
mined to do so, and Perez Gomez was opposed to it, but
it was considered a feeble effort on his part, as the sta-
tion and his limited forces did not warrant any
action whatever.

"The news from the city of Mexico is to the 13th inst.
the following items are from reliable sources:—
The army of Max, consisting of 5,000 men, was re-
called to the circuit of Queretaro city, and besieged by
more than twenty thousand liberals, among which was
force commanded by Escobedo. The preliminary
operations of the siege were commenced on the 6th inst.
The imperialists force had long previously attempted to
take possession of the city of the two bodies of Escobedo,
Colonel, under the reaction General Gonzalez Mendez, but
failed to do so, having got the worst in a small action,
which compelled him to fall back to Queretaro.

"The position of Max's army was the more precarious,
the resources which he required to maintain it, even-
ing the most favorable time, were wanting. Many of
proprietors of Queretaro city, of any means, had
abandoned the place in order not to furnish him
any money. This not only kept Max absolutely
inactive, but afforded the necessary time and oppor-
tunity to the liberals to augment their forces, and en-
able them to make an early attack. All the passagers
who arrived in the steamer corroborate the compe-
tent distinction of the circumstances upon which the Arch-
bishop had counted, and they further confirm the re-
liance of security on the public roads, where the liberal
passengers were found.

"On the 11th inst. General Diaz commenced his siege
at the town of Puebla, where, it is said, there re-
mains not over two thousand men, all raw recruits, with-
out any pecuniary means and having no faith of success
whatever.

"In the city of Mexico there were upwards of three
hundred individuals in prison, many of whom were
detained for the liberty for being friendly to the republic,
and using to pay forced loans and determined not to
cooperate with the government.

"The liberals were preventing the supply of provisions
to the city of Mexico, and were continually harassing
the people at the gates, their shots reaching the most distant streets of the centre. The
communication with Queretaro and Puebla was pre-
vented with the greatest possible rigor.

"The Emperor, who has been confined to the reins of gov-
ernment, had given in their demission, with the object
of relieving abroad, if such were practicable.

"The traitorous inhabitants of Vera Cruz accused of
treason and expelled to Yucatan, of which I wrote you,
acted in overcoming their guard and ran the vessel
to Alvarado, whence they at once joined the liberal
forces."

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SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE OF THE MERCUR.

Arrival at Havana of the French Squadron
from Mexico—Marriage of General Dulce.

HAVANA, March 27, 1867.

THE FRENCH SQUADRON.

We hear of the French ships of war from Vera Cruz,
arrived at this port on Saturday morning, giving a ma-
jestic and important aspect to our harbor.

The unusual. First the frigate Magenta ap-
peared, followed by the Plandre, and lastly the large
ironclad carrying the flag of Admiral Larocriere
de Mouray. Their formidable size and appearance
rendered them thus almost like gods, particularly
Magenta, which towers far above the rest. The
three are all ironclads and their entrance was imme-
diately followed by that of three gunboats, which towed
them along. They took several days to come from Vera
Cruz, and, to use the expression of a French war-
rior, "they came through the jaws of hell." It is a
fact in harbor, the whole day we heard nothing but the
 booming sounds of salutes, they were so glad to have
 arrived safely.

Admiral Larocriere, having come ashore to pay his
 respects to the Captain General, was received with due
 honors, and the visit was returned. In the afternoon
 the Deputy General (Segundo Cabo), on the part of Gen-
 eral Mascardo.

Marshal Bazaine, accompanied by his aid-de-camp and
 colonel of the Spanish staff, made a visit yesterday to
 the Captain General, which was duly returned by his
 clemency in the afternoon.

The Spanish General de Marina (Admiral of the sta-
 tion) has given a banquet to Admiral Larocriere and
 other French commanders. Covers for forty indi-

The French squadron now in harbor consists of the
 following ships: Magenta, a three-decked ironclad of
 600 tons and 720 guns; Plandre, ironclad frigate of
 five-hundred tons and 574 men; Magenta, ironclad
 of thirty guns and 550 men; Souverain, an old
 of the line, now only mounting twelve guns, serving
 transport, with 450 men; Adonis, gunboat steamer
 six guns and 150 men; Tartique, of, of three guns
 64 men; Tourmente, do, two guns and 60 men;
 are, do, four guns and 104 men; Diligente, do, four
 s and 142 men; Brandon, do, two guns and 100
 ; Magellan, corvette, do, fifteen guns and 320 men;
 arin, a three decker transport, and the Themis, do,

cluding, including the Megere and Duchayla, without
 mentioning the names of more, there are at least fifty
 ships of this war now in Havana. The gunboat Rod-
 riguez from New Orleans on the 23d, is not included in the
 ere; she arrived on the 25th inst.

am informed that the whole of the French fleet
 and to Europe will sail to-day. The Souverain, with
 Marshal Bazaine and lady on board, goes to Cadix to
 visit Mrs. Bazaine and her mother, who are desirous of
 the Holy Week in Seville, pay a visit to the Spanish
 and see some of the other cities in Spain. I learn
 a private but reliable source that the report given
 at the time that the Marshal had married a
 heiress by uniting himself to the very able and
 accomplished lady who is now
 spouse, has no foundation, her family being
 in the same unfortunate circumstances.

The Marshal, however, is said to have secured an ample
 reward himself during his long stay in Mexico.

The pride of the Spanish Bona has been a little
 pained about their Tetan ironclad since the arrival
 of French vessels of her class. The Tetan has now
 hundred defects which were not discovered till their
 arrival. Her commander gave a party yesterday to the
 chief officers, and after dinner ordered a display of
 signal lights on board, which had a pretty effect in the
 harbor.

MARRIAGE OF GENERAL DULCE WITH A CUBAN.

A splendid marriage ceremony between
 Admiral Dulce and the Countess of San Ignacio, both
 married with due solemnity in the private oratory of her
 husband at his mansion in the Plaza de Armas (almost
 directly opposite the cathedral). The nuptial cere-
 monies were performed by the Bishop of Havana, who
 came for the purpose from Genoa, where he was
 residing. The bridegroom was dressed in white
 Excellency (the captain General, the Intendente
 of the Treasury, Generals Vincent, Balmaida,
 Arriz, Zulueta, and several others) were present
 in Havana. The happy couple, after the ceremony,
 retired to the grand saloon, where they received the
 guests. The bride wore a beautiful dress of about ten
 feet, and was dressed in full uniform, and so were the
 bridesmaids and officials.

DOCK. Cut was lost complete. Her ladyship was
 dressed in black, wearing a beautiful diadem among a
 mass of pearls and diamonds. The bridegroom was
 dressed in full uniform, and so were the
 bridesmaids and officials.

AMERICAN GOLD TO BE SOLD AT AUCTION.

A meeting of merchants, bankers and planters was
 held on Saturday to determine whether United States
 gold should be sold at auction, or by subscription, or
 at par. The question was decided in the affirma-
 tive, and the signatures are being taken of those who
 willing to bid themselves to the measure.

THEFT IN STEEL STREET. Shortly before nine o'clock
 night a fire occurred at No. 111 South street—lamp
 hereover on floor, kept by Christian Tapp. Pretty
 soon the whole of the contents of the store was
 destroyed. Loss estimated at about \$500 insured for
 \$1000 by the Commercial Union Company. The fire
 spread through to the second story, damaging the fur-
 niture and goods to the amount of about \$100—insured
 for \$500 by the Commercial Union Company. The fire
 spread through to the third story, where the owner
 of the building is owned by Peter Kirker and
 insured for \$500—insured. The damage done to it amounts to
 about \$100—insured. The fire spread through to the
 fourth story, where the owner of the building is owned
 by John Kirker and insured for \$500—insured. The
 damage done to it amounts to about \$100—insured.

Used Wages Demanded by Journeymen

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